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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BENOIT CRISTOL

Group Art Unit: 1754

Serial No.: 09/744,237

Examiner: S. Bos

Filed: January 26, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR CONTROLLING THE PARTICLE SIZE
IN A BAYER CIRCUIT PRECIPITATION SYSTEM,
INCLUDING AN AGGLOMERATION PHASE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is herein made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for an extension of time for two months for response to the Office action of May 6, 2003.

The appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 is paid herewith by credit card (Form PTO-2038). Any fees not accepted by the credit card amount shown on the Form PTO-2038 may be charged to Deposit Account 04-0753.

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Respectfully submitted,

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